

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for fitting a hearing device which is worn by an individual, said apparatus comprising:

a data entry device;

a computing device connected on an input side with a connection for connecting to said data entry device and on an output side with a connection for a hearing device adjusting input, ~~and further comprising:~~

an audio storage medium play-back unit storing a plurality of audio tracks ~~each including audio signals representing common daily experiences~~ and having a control input connected to another output of said computing device and having an audio output connectable to a loud speaker unit input, and a storage device for storing a plurality of assessment data and previously experienced audio track data, wherein

said assessment data is entered into said data entry device based on perceptions of said individual wearing said hearing device and listening to one of said audio tracks with said assessment data being stored in said storage device, including audio signals representing common daily experiences, and further wherein

said computing device computes a control signal based on said stored plurality of assessment data and stored previously experienced audio track data, wherein said control signal is applied to said other output of said computer device, and said control signal is used for automatically selecting another one of said audio tracks ~~including audio signals representing common daily experiences.~~

Claims 2-11 (canceled).

12. (previously presented) The hearing device fitting device of claim 1, wherein said playback unit contains at least one audio storage chip.

13. (previously presented) The hearing device fitting device of claim 1, wherein said playback unit is a CD playback unit.

14. (previously presented) The hearing device fitting device of claim 1, further comprising a comparer unit that tests the audio storage medium in said playback unit for a predetermined identification and which disables said playback unit on non-recognition of said predetermined identification.

15. (previously presented) The hearing device fitting device of claim 1, further comprising a decoding unit, wherein said playback unit is an audio CD playback unit generating a specification of an extent of at least one of the segments on the audio storage medium in said playback unit, and wherein said specification is fed from an output of said playback unit

to said decoding unit which then generates a control signal for the operation of said playback unit.

16. (previously presented) The hearing device fitting device according to claim 1, wherein said fitting device further comprises a set-level comparative unit having an output operationally connected to a level control input of said playback unit for controlling said audio output, wherein

the hearing device is connected to said hearing device output, the hearing device having a level detector which is connected to an acoustical/electrical converter of the hearing device, such that said computing unit generates, on a level detector control output, a level detector control signal for controlling an operational connection between a level detector output of said level detector and a computing unit control input of said computing unit, said computing unit control input also operationally connected to said set-level comparative unit, and wherein

said computing unit enables said playback unit for playback of a predetermined storage segment of the audio storage medium upon receipt of a control signal on said computing unit control input, and further wherein

said computing unit controls establishing said operational connection of said level detector output to said computing unit control input.

17. (previously presented) The hearing device fitting device according to claim 1, said computing unit further including a selection unit, wherein said connection for data entry is connected to a human input device and is operationally connected with said selection unit, a selection output of said

selection unit being operationally connected to said selection input of said playback unit.

18. (previously presented) The hearing device fitting device according to claim 17, wherein said selection unit has a test signal/reaction signal pattern storage unit, an output of which is operationally connected to a first input of a comparing unit, said connection for data entry being operationally connected with a second input of said comparing unit, said comparing unit having an output operationally connected to said control input.

19. (previously presented) The hearing device fitting device according to claim 1, wherein said connection for data entry is connected to a human input device and to a decoding unit which generates, from input data from said human input device, according to stored decoding tables, output data to an output of said decoding unit that is operationally connected with another input of said computing unit.

20. (currently amended) A hearing device fitting arrangement comprising:

an audio storage medium playback unit including:

an audio storage medium having a plurality of storage segments each for storing audio signals representing common daily experiences;

a control input having a selection input for selecting any of said plurality of storage segments; and

an audio output;

a loudspeaker operationally connectable to said audio output of said playback unit;

a storage device for storing a plurality of assessment data and previously experienced audio track data; and

a computing unit including:

a data input for data entry by an individual carrying said hearing device to be fitted, said data input for said individual to input said assessment data for assessing said hearing device during playback of one of said storage segments for storing in said storage device,

a hearing device output for operationally connecting to the hearing device, and

an audio control output for operationally connecting to said control input of said audio storage medium playback unit;

wherein said computing unit is adapted to compute a control signal for said audio control output in dependency upon said stored plurality of assessment data and stored previously experienced audio track data ~~entered by said individual,~~ thereby automatically selecting another one of the plurality of storage segments.

21. (previously presented) The hearing device fitting arrangement according to claim 20, wherein said connection for data entry is connected to the human input device via a decoding unit which generates, from input data from said human input device, according to stored decoding tables, output data to an output of said decoding unit that is operationally connected with another input of said computing unit.

22. (currently amended) A hearing device fitting device comprising:

an audio storage medium playback unit including:

a control input having a selection input for selecting one of a plurality of storage segments on an audio storage medium, wherein said storage segments each include audio signals representing common daily experiences; and
an audio output;
a loudspeaker operationally connectable to said audio output of said playback unit;
a storage device for storing a plurality of assessment data and previously experienced audio track data; and
a computing unit including:
a data input for data entry of said assessment data by an individual carrying a hearing device to be fitted for storing in said storage device,
a hearing device output for operationally connecting to the hearing device for programming said hearing device, and
a audio control output for operationally connecting to said control input of said audio storage medium playback unit;
wherein said computing unit computes a control signal to said audio control output in dependency upon said stored plurality of assessment data and stored previously experienced audio track data ~~signals applied to said data input~~ for automatically selecting one of said plurality of storage segments depending on signals applied to said data input.

23. (currently amended) A method for fitting a hearing device, comprising the steps of:
applying a hearing device to an individual;
subjecting the individual to an audio test signal ~~representing common daily experiences;~~

having the individual appraise said audio test signal; and

automatically selecting, in dependency of test signals experienced and the respective ~~said~~ appraisings, a subsequent audio test signal ~~representing common daily experiences.~~

24. (withdrawn) An audio CD having a plurality of audio tracks and information of a structure of said audio tracks also provided on said CD, wherein said information on said structure of said audio tracks is encoded to the extent of at least one of said plurality of audio tracks.

25. (new) The method of claim 23, wherein at least some of said audio tracks represent audible impressions from everyday life.

26. (new) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least some of said audio tracks represent audible impressions from everyday life.

27. (new) The arrangement of claim 20, wherein at least some of said audio tracks represent audible impressions from everyday life.

28. (new) The device of claim 22, wherein at least some of said audio tracks represent audible impressions from everyday life.